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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

I am opposed tot he rate increase presented by duke energy. It is not coast effective to the customer and does not benefit them in the long run.

A good portion of duke energy's customers in this area are retirement age and a good many are new here because it is a retirement community. With industry booming in this area it is rightfully advantageous for Duke energy to charge the busiiness' more due to the fact that they will be using 80% more than your average customer and making money at the same time.

Thank You

Sincerely,  
Helen Patterson

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